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SUBJ: AGREEMENT REACHED ON SALVADOREAN-HONDURAN CEASE FIRE

1. SUMMARY: PRESS REPORTS AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN SALVADOR AND HONDURAS TO (A) PUT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE, (B) REQUEST OAS TO SEND MILITARY OBSERVERS TO SUPERVISE MUTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES OR FAILING THAT ESTABLISH TWO COMMISSIONS IN SALVDOR AND HONDURAS TO SUPERVISE CEASE-FIRE, AND (C) NEGOTIATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECURE PACIFIED ZONE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY

2. FOREIGN MINISTERS AND CHIEFS OF STAFF OF GUATEMALA, SALVADOR, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA, AND NICARAGUA MET IN GUATEMALA CITY JULY 29 TO TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT TO END RECENT HONDURAN-SALVADOREAN BORDER FIGHTING.

PRESIDENT LAUGERUD ALSO ATTENDED SESSIONS. AFTER EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED AT 8 P.M.

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3. PRESS REPORTS "FINAL ACT" HAS THREE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS. FIRST, SALVADOR AND HONDURAS FORMALLY PROMISE TO PUT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY ABSOLUTE CEASE-FIRE OF THEIR MILITARY FORCES, PARAMILITARY FORCES, AND ARMED CIVILIANS. PENDING ARRIVAL OF OAS OBSERVERS, TWO COMMISSIONS, EACH COMPOSED OF GUATEMALAN AND NICARAGUAN MILITARY ATTACHES IN RESPECTIVE COUNTRY AND ONE COSTA RICAN POLICE OFFICER WILL SUPERVISE CEASE-FIRE.

4. SALVADOR AND HONDURAS PROMISE TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUE UNTIL ITS TOTAL COMPLETION PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECURE PACIFIED ZONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAN JOSE AGREEMENT OF JUNE 4, 1970. WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS SHOULD BEGIN WITHIN A SHORT TIME AND BE COMPLETED WITHIN 72 HOURS OF THE ARRIVAL IN AREA OF OAS OBSERVERS.

4. REQUEST WILL BE MADE TO THE OAS TO URGENTLY SEND MILITARY OBSERVERS IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO SUPERVISE EXECUTION OF SAN JOSE AGREEMENT.

5. COMMENT: WHILE CEASE-FIRE IS TO PROCEED WITH OR WITHOUT OAS OBSERVERS, EXECUTION OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL IS APPARENTLY DEPENDENT UPON THE ARRIVAL OF THESE OBSERVERS.
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